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February 3, 2005

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary

**Re: Ex Parte Notice in CS Docket No. 98-120**

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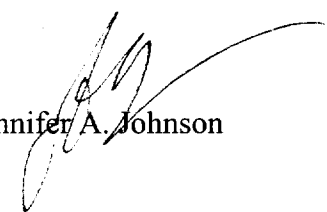
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The NBC Affiliates strongly urged the Commission to defer action on this issue in light of Congress' express intent to take up comprehensive DTV legislation this year that would adopt a "hard date" for the conclusion of the DTV transition. Adopting digital carriage requirements against the backdrop of a DTV transition statute that is certain to be changed – particularly when such carriage requirements are unlikely to go into effect for years – threatens to cause irreparable damage to the DTV transition and deny consumers the very benefits it is intended to deliver.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, an original and one copy of this letter are being submitted to the Secretary's office, with a copy to those at the FCC who participated in the meetings.

Please direct any questions regarding this notice to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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